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MEETINGS: Borah High School Cafeteria (rear entrance) 6001 Cassia St., Boise, Idaho. No alcohol, tobacco or guns allowed on school grounds. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Web address: www.idahogoldprospectors.org

Our IGPA club has access to claims in southwestern Idaho ranging from Atlanta to Fairfield, the Boise Basin and Silver City/Creek areas. Anyone with a membership in good standing is allowed to utilize these claims and keep any gold they find. Claims owned by IGPA include: **MISS LUCY, PAYMASTER GOLDEN RULE, CHINA WINE CUP, MANHATTAN, HOLY TERROR and FLORENCE.** Members also have access to: **GRIMES CREEK MOU, K2 #1, FLAP JACK MAC, and WEEKENDERS'S DREAM.**

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JANUARY 12, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Gary opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. All members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary reminded everyone to sign the attendance form and to turn off their cell phones, or, at the minimum, put them on vibrate. Visitors and new members were asked to introduce themselves. Gary reminded current members and informed visitors and new members that our club is a **hobby club**, it is not a way to get rich quick.

Last month's meeting minutes were voted on and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$7,429.05 in the bank, \$710 for the bond, and \$43.96 in petty cash. The amount in the bank account last month was \$6,729.69. Following is a listing of checks drawn and deposits made to the club's bank account for the past two months. We will keep the club informed of these items going forward.

November 2009 - CHECKS:

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| \$94.95 | Intermountain Precious Metals – prizes for Christmas party |
| \$235.51 | Gary Scott - \$130.33 for drinks and food for Christmas party and \$105.18 for raffle prizes |
| \$15.47 | Postage for memberships |

November 2009 - DEPOSITS:

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| \$139.00 | Raffle |
| \$50.00 | Sluice raffle |
| \$255.00 | Reimburse club for check written for fuel for reclamation |
| \$325.00 | Memberships |
| \$25.00 | Received from a member for reclamation |

December 2009 - CHECKS:

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| \$20.00 | Refund check to a member whose membership was rescinded |
| \$3.66 | Postage for memberships |

December 2009 - DEPOSITS:

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| \$160.00 | Memberships |
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Ron Mackelprang gave Gary the membership information for American Land Rights Association (“ALRA”). We have donated \$100 in the past. Tami Palin made a motion to donate \$100 to ALRA this year. The motion was voted on and approved by the club.

Gary reminded us that the Claims Guide needs to be revised. The Natty R claim is no longer one of the club’s claims. We need to form a committee who can update the Claims Guide. Please contact Gary if you are interested in being on the committee.

The 2010 GPAA Show is February 6 & 7. Gary asked for volunteers to help set up the show, take care of our booth and help take down the show. Please sign up on the sheet that Gary has or contact Gary directly. There was discussion about advertising for the show. A lot of ideas were mentioned, such as: TV commercials, radio commercials, newspapers, outdoor magazines, The Scene or Boise Weekly publications, put an ad on Craig’s List, put banners on the fence around the fairgrounds, put notices up at our work places. A motion was made to allocate \$500 for advertising for the show. Gary will handle setting up the advertisements. Members voted on and approved the motion.

Gary discussed the club’s rental equipment and the current procedures for renting the equipment. Last summer, a pump was stolen and now the club needs to replace it. Gary would also like the club to consider purchasing an additional pump for “stand by” that could be used if the other pump needs maintenance, repairs, or is otherwise unavailable. There was some discussion by members. Currently, the club’s procedure is to obtain a \$50 check from the member who is renting the equipment. When the equipment is returned in good condition, the \$50 is refunded to the member. Currently, we don’t charge a fee to rent the equipment. Gary proposed charging \$10 per rental item since there are expenses for maintaining and repairing the equipment. The equipment is being used by club members, so we want to keep it all in good working order. A motion was made to charge \$10 per item for up to 14 days rental. Motion was voted on and approved. The club will maintain a separate bank account for rental equipment.

There was a discussion regarding the Miss Lucy. Various items were discussed. (1) There needs to be a central settling/holding area made for water coming from sluices, etc. The water cannot go back into the creeks and ponds. (2) Ben Melody has 500 feet of hose with different kinds of fittings. He would like club members to get together to fix the fittings. Then the hose can be used to hook up to different high bankers. (3) Ben also has a pump that the club might consider purchasing. Members discussed what size of pump is needed to operate several high bankers. The club needs to investigate how many manifolds will run on a pump. (4) There is currently a settling/holding area that needs to be dug out. Tony suggested digging a new settling/holding area that has vegetation around it to help hold the dirt/mud. (5) Additional comments and questions were made regarding the need for several settling/holding areas. (6) A member mentioned using straw waddles, which are straw bale barriers to prevent tailings/sediment from going back into the water. After the discussion, Gary reminded the club that we need to form a committee to prepare a plan of operation and a mining claim guide for the Miss Lucy and the Paymaster. If you’re interested in helping, please contact Gary. A member mentioned that a person can pick up a “fill in the blank” plan of operation form from the Forest Service. The plan of operation needs to be in place with BLM before we can go onto the claim this year.

Tami Palin reminded everyone that we have to know and understand that our club and our claims are for HOBBY purposes only. People should not go to the claims for months at a time in the hopes to get rich. Gary reminded us that undermining is PROHIBITED! Keep your embankment straight up and down, no slanting!

We looked at having outhouses on the claims last year; however, there is no company in the valley that will service outhouses at our claims due to the distance from town. We would need to find someone who has a trailer and is willing to haul the outhouses from the claims to town to be serviced and then hauled back to the claims. If anyone knows of a person or company that will do this, please let Gary know. It was also mentioned that we need to find a place to store the club's utility trailer, which has a bathroom in it.

Danny Prochaska is making trommels and Ray Bixler is selling them at his shop, Finders Keepers in Nampa.

The drawing for the sluice will take place once 100 tickets are sold. Only 36 tickets have been sold so far.

Gary adjourned the meeting and Tony managed the raffle.

Rick Goodwell won the president's drawing and will bring treats (something to drink and something to eat, such as punch or juice and cookies or chips) to the February meeting. Ray Bixler won the 50/50 drawing.

**New York Stock Exchange, Jan. 29, 2010
Gold - \$1,080.20 per troy ounce**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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| 24 Grains = | 1 Penny Weight (dwt) |
| 20 dwt = | 1 oz Troy |
| 480 Grains = | 1 oz Troy |
| 12 oz Troy = | 1 lb Troy |
| 5,760 Grains = | 1 lb Troy |

CLUB ADVERTISEMENTS

Ringo Birdsong has a Gold Grabber II/3" Dredge Combo for sale. It has a 5.5 HP motor with 165 gpm capacity, 14' water pick upline with one way valve, 25' water line for high banker, 18' 3" dredge line with 3" swivel tip and venture. He has upgraded it to include miner's moss. Everything is new, never been used except for the highbanker. Call him at 891-4880 (cell) or 362-0604 (home).

Clayton Perkins is selling a 3½ HP Briggs & Stratton that is like new. The price is \$100. Contact him at 208-376-0529.

LeRoy Hanson has a mini-recirculating highbanker for sale. It is brand new, home made. He is asking \$250 for it. His number is 208-365-1097.

Chuck Knapp has gold and silver for sale. He also has picks for sale. If you need some PVC pipe, give him a call at 208-888-3651.

For Sale: Gold Grabber with stand – high banker, \$600 OBO. Call Randy Lee at 208-853-2942

GOLD BAR MINING COMPANY in Idaho City has gold jewelry, minerals, fossils, custom faceting and is an authorized mine lab dealer. Stop by and see Gary and Quilla Cameron at 110 Montgomery Street, Idaho City. Phone number is 208-395-4597.

FINDERS KEEPERS

2101 E. Louisiana Dr., Nampa, Idaho, 83686; 208-899-2921. A wide range of prospecting, treasure hunting, and rock hounding supplies for sale.



Membership Form

Idaho Gold Prospectors Association

Membership Date _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthday (s) Month & Day only: _____

Occupation (s): _____

What skills, knowledge, and/or hobbies do you have: _____

Do you have a current card for First Aid and/or C.P.R.? Yes ____ No ____

Would you be interested in First Aid and/or C.P.R. classes? Yes ____ No ____

Disclaimer/Release

I acknowledge that prospecting and prospecting locations can be dangerous, with numerous natural and artificial hazards. I hereby agree to hold the Idaho Gold Prospectors Association (IGPA), its officers and members free and clear of any group or personal injury that I or my family or guests may incur while attending IGPA functions or while on any property leased, owned or under control of the IGPA. I also agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws, code of ethics and rules of IGPA.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annual membership dues:

- Individual - \$20.00
- Couple - \$25.00
- Family - \$30.00

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